for, Hacket was exhorted to ask God and the Queen for pardon, and to fall to his prayers, but he began to rail and cuisc her Majesty. Being the more vehemently urged to remember his present state, he began to pray thus

[C]O God of Heaven, mighty Jehovah, Alpha and Omega, Lord of Lords, King of Kings and God Everlasting, that knowest me to be the true Jehovah whom Thou has sent, send some miracle out of a cloud to convert these infidels and deliver me from mine enemies If not, I will fire the heavens and tear Thee from Thy throne with my hands ' Then turning towards the executioner, he said, * Ah, thou bastard's child, wilt thou hang William Hacket, thy king ? '

The magistrates and people were much angered by these speeches and called out to the officers to have him despatched , so with much ado they got him up the ladder, where he struggled with his head, to and fro, to avoid the noose Then he cried out very fearfully, * O what do you, what do you ? Have I this for my kingdom bestowed on me [?] I come to revenge thee, and plague thee- ' and so was turned off

But the people, unwilling in their fury that any mercy should be shown him, cried out that he should be cut down at once, being very angry with the officers for not showing more haste As soon as he was taken down, almost in a trice, his heart was cut out and shown openly to the people

29^ *July* COPPINGER DIES IN PRISON

Coppinger, who had been Racket's companion in the * Conspiracy for pretended Reformation,' has died in Bridewell prison, having refused all food for more than a week

Now that Hacket is dead there is much discontented murmuring Some that seem moderate men, yet favour his

opinions in Church government, think that he and his fellows intended good though they mislike the manner of the action Others, extenuating the fault, believe that they were stark mad, and knew not what they said or did Some even are heard to mutter that matters were made out to be worse and of greater peril and consequence than they were in fact, and that they were persecuted with greater sharpness than the offence deserved